(घ) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने भी इस तेल शोधक कारखाने के लिए जमीन उपलब्ध करने के बारे में अपनी सहमति दे दी है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस बारे में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मन्त्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द): (क) से (ग) मध्य भारत में 6 मि० मी० टन प्रतिवर्ष की एक रिफाइनरी स्थापित करने के लिए मैसर्स भारत पेट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन लि० ने एक प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया है। रिफाइनरी को आठवीं योजना परियोजना के रूप में संयुक्त क्षेत्र में स्थापित किए जाने का प्रस्ताव है।

(घ) स्थल चयन समिति द्वारा अंतिम रूप से चयन होने के बाद ही जमीन की व्यवस्था के संबंध में प्रश्न उठता है जिसका कार्य चल रहा है।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Petroleum and *Gas* Exploration in Bihar

82. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether exploration work for petroleum and Natural gas is being undertaken in Bihar;

(b) if so, the places at which this is being done and by which agency; and

(c) the results obtained so far ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRT B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Presently, exploratory drilling is going on at well Kadmaha-1 in West Champaran district and regional seismic survey is being undertaken by ONGC in Purnea basin.

(c) So far 5 exploratory wells have been drilled by ONGC in Bihar but no hydrocarbon indication! were found.

Increase in the Prices of Petroleum Products

S3. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV :
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to further raise the prices of petroleum products including LPG ;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard stating the compulsions under which such a decision has been taken ; and

(c) what is its likely effect on the consumers ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) The prices of petroleum products are revised from time to time keeping in view the costs growth in demand and other socio-economic factors.

Gas Flaring

84. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the gas fields which are being commercially exploited at present;

(b) what is the mechanism of prevention of gas flaring at Bombay High and what are the technical requirements;

(c) what are the reasons for extending gas flaring prevention date from the year 1995 to 1998 and what is the quantum of gas being flared up at present; and

(d) what are the reasons for flaring up of gas ?